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Document 1 Filed 10/31/19 Page 2 DESIGNATION FORM (to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar) 4929 W. Mountain View Drive Walnutport PA 18088 Address of Plaintiff: 512 W. Hamilton Street Allentown PA 18101 Address of Defendant: Lehigh County Probation and Parole Department Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered to any of the following quest Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court? Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social sedurity appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is this court except as noted above DATE 10/29/2019 83362 Attorney I D # (if applicable) Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff CIVIL: (Place a √ in one category only) Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: Federal Question Cases: Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts Insurance Contract and Other Contracts Airplane Personal Injury Jones Act-Personal Injury 3. Assault, Defamation Marine Personal Injury 4. Antitrust Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Patent Labor-Management Relations Other Personal Injury (Please specify)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Jessica and Jeremy Mack

CIVIL ACTION

V

Avertest LLC et al

NO. 19

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In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255.
- (b) Social Security Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits.
- (c) Arbitration Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()
- (d) Asbestos Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos.
- (e) Special Management Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.)
- (f) Standard Management Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

No.

JESSICA and JEREMY MACK, Individually and as Husband and Wife 4249 W. Mountain View Drive

Walnutport, PA 18088

Plaintiffs,

v.

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: JURY TRIAL OF TWELVE (12): JURORS DEMANDED

AVERTEST, LLC d/b/a AVERHEALTH

512 W. Hamilton Street, Suite 105 Allentown PA 18101

and

LEHIGH COUNTY COURT ADULT PROBATION & PAROLE DEPARTMENT

455 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18101

and

CHRISTINE DARRAH, Individually and in her official capacity as Probation Officer for the Lehigh County Court Adult Probation

the Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department
455 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101

and

LEHIGH COUNTY

17 S. 7th Street Allentown, PA 18101

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| JOHN DOES 1-10 | | : | |
| | Defendants | : | |

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- Plaintiffs Jessica and Jeremy Mack are adult individuals and husband and wife residing at the above captioned address.
- Defendant, Avertest, LLC, doing business as Averhealth, is a Virginia Limited Liability
 Company, engaged in the business, among other functions, of providing biological
 sample testing for alcohol and drugs, having a principal place of business at the above
 captioned address.
- Defendant, Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department, is a state
 governmental law enforcement agency that provides court and police services for Lehigh
 County, Pennsylvania, located at the above captioned address.
- Defendant, Christine Darrah, is an adult individual and an officer and/or employee of defendant, Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department, working at the above captioned address.
- 5. Defendant Lehigh County is a local government entity, namely a county chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Defendant is responsible for the Lehigh County Court Adult & Parole Department.
- 6. Defendants, John Does 1-10, is a moniker/fictitious name for individuals and entities currently unknown but will be substituted when known, as affiliated, associated or liable hereunder for the reasons set forth below or inferred there from. Each of these parties are incorporated as Defendants in each and every count and averment listed above and

- below, upon information and belief, Defendants, John Does, were agents, servants, workmen, or employees of Co-Defendants, liable to Plaintiffs hereunder.
- 7. Venue is proper in the in The United States District Court for The Eastern District of Pennsylvania because this is where the transactions and occurrences that give rise to the cause of action have taken place.
- Jurisdiction in this Honorable Court is based upon a violation of federal law conferred by 28 U.S.C §1331; supplemental jurisdiction over state claims is granted by 28 U.S.C. §1367.

OPERATIVE FACTS

- 9. On or before November 21, 2017, Jessica Mack was working and acting in compliance with her former sentencing and probation orders requiring her to report to and stay in communication with defendant Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department.
- 10. Said defendant was tasked with the requirement of legally and fairly monitoring plaintiff's compliance with her sentence, among other requirements, that plaintiff abstain from alcohol consumption.
- 11. Christine Darrah was the specific Probation Officer assigned to monitor Jessica Mack's probation.
- 12. On or about November 21, 2017, Jessica Mack was in compliance, wearing her 24-hour alcohol monitoring ankle bracelet.
- 13. Jessica Mack was required to call into the Lehigh County Adult Probation & Parole

 Department hotline and if prompted then report to Averhealth to provide a urine sample.
- 14. On or about November 21, 2017, Jessica Mack called into defendants' hotline number.

- 15. Jessica Mack was advised to report to Averhealth's offices to provide the sample.
- 16. Upon arrival at Averhealth, Jessica Mack was routinely administered a breathalyzer test, which she successfully passed on this occasion just as it was passed on all the previous occasions leading up to this visit.
- 17. Jessica Mack then provided the urine sample.
- 18. On or about November 22, 2017, Jessica Mack was called in to report to the Lehigh County Adult Probation & Parole Department for testing positive for the presence of alcohol.
- 19. Jessica Mack was immediately arrested by Christine Darrah upon her arrival.
- 20. Jeremy Mack went promptly to Averhealth offices to request a second test of his wife's sample.
- 21. Jeremey Mack was informed that if he insisted upon the prompt second test of this sample a second positive result would be met with pursuit of maximum punishment for plaintiff.
- 22. Upon further prompting, Jeremy Mack was informed by Averhealth that FDA recommendations require that a second test be performed to confirm the first positive result (and to justify consequences of such a result).
- 23. Jeremy Mack was also informed by Averhealth that a second test of the sample was required to confirm the positive result, and that this second test was to be performed by Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department,
- 24. From on or about November 22, 2017 until December 12, 2017 (over 21 days) plaintiff and her husband received no cooperation from Defendant Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department concerning this second test.

- 25. Averhealth informed Jeremey Mack that the second test results had been promptly sent to Defendant Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department.
- 26. Lehigh County Court Adult Probation & Parole Department intentionally or otherwise refused to cooperate or communicate the results to Plaintiffs.
- 27. On or about December 12, 2017, Jeremy Mack finally received communication from Defendants' that the second test results were negative, and that Jessica Mack was to be released.
- 28. Defendants' additionally refused and failed to provide the required information of plaintiff's negative test result, and her innocence to the plaintiff's employer, as required by said employer (the Lehigh Valley Health Network), with the result that Plaintiff was terminated from her nursing position from November 21, 2017 until on or about January 11, 2018 (on which date she was reinstated).
- 29. On multiple occasions since her December 12, 2017 release from incarceration, Jessica Mack has been required to report to defendant Averhealth's facility to provide additional urine samples for alcohol testing and the tests would return with additional false positive results (which upon second testing all subsequently revealed negative test results).
- 30. Defendant Averhealth, a company in the business of selling biological or chemical tests or services to customers including law enforcement, for purposes of detecting alcohol or drugs, was fully aware that their products or services could indicate a certain repeated percentage of false positive results, from which knowledge it is foreseeable that a plaintiff such as Jessica Mack could be falsely found in violation of alcohol consumption and be severely punished and wrongly damaged.

- 31. Defendant Averhealth was responsible for handling and testing the plaintiff's biological sample properly, but instead Averhealth and/or the other named defendants permitted the sample to become improperly contaminated, and/or set the alcohol passing threshold standards too low, and/or misinterpreted or mixed up the sample results, or without limitation engaged in various examples of plaintiff's urine sample which resulted in a false positive against Jessica Mack.
- 32. As a result of the initial false positive test result Jessica. Mack was s falsely arrested and imprisoned.

<u>COUNT I</u> MALICIOUS PROSECUTION / WRONGFUL ARREST

- 33. The plaintiffs repeat and reallege the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 34. At the time of the Jessica Mack's arrest and imprisonment, she had not committed any infraction giving cause to legally justify the punitive actions taken by Defendants.
- 35. The actions taken described above by defendants' *inter alia*, were committed by these defendants under the color of state law and were violations of the plaintiffs clearly established and well-settled constitutional and other legal rights.
- 36. Defendants' caused Jessica Mack to suffer a malicious prosecution and violation of due process by their described wrongful conduct in subjecting Jessica Mack to loss of liberty and freedom, all in violation of the Fourth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and State law.
- 37. The said named defendants' all showed deliberate indifference to the plaintiffs' rights of liberty, freedom, and property.
- 38. To perpetuate their misconduct, the said named defendants' all clothed themselves with the color of state authority and law.

39. The said defendants' willful, reckless and malicious actions were made in efforts to deprive the Plaintiff, Jessica Mack, of her rights as set forth above and pursuant to the U.S. Constitution Amends. IV, VIII and XIV, actionable through 42 U.S.C. 1983 et seq., and common law.

COUNT II FALSE IMPRISONMENT/FALSE ARREST

- 40. The plaintiffs repeat and reallege the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 41. At the time of Jessica Mack's arrest and imprisonment, she had not committed any infraction giving cause to legally justify the punitive actions, force, and arrest taken by Defendants'
- 42. The actions taken described above by Defendants' *inter alia*, were committed by these defendants under the color of state law and were violations of the plaintiff's clearly established and well-settled constitutional and other legal rights.
- 43. Defendants' knowingly and unlawfully restrained and interfered with plaintiff's liberty and freedom and perpetuated said wrongful actions by not processing the second test upon plaintiff's false positive sample, communicating the negative results of said second test, and taking swift steps to release plaintiff from incarceration.
- 44. Plaintiffs have suffered grievous harm due to the faulty test, wrongful actions, and subsequent inactions of the defendants which resulted in plaintiff's false imprisonment.

COUNT III MONELL

45. The plaintiffs repeat and reallege the foregoing paragraphs one through thirty as if fully set forth herein.

- 46. Prior to the events described above and herein, the defendants developed and maintained policies, practices, procedures and customs exhibiting deliberate indifference to the Constitutional rights of persons, which caused violations of the plaintiffs' constitutional and other rights. Such wrongful policies include subjecting the plaintiff to inaccurate and faulty biological tests, arresting and continuing to incarcerate the plaintiff without just cause, failing to process the second required tests and to communicate the subsequent negative result in a swift or timely manner, and other harmful actions.
- 47. Plaintiff and her husband suffered grievous emotional and financial harm from t defendants by their wrongful tests, policies, actions, and failures to act.

COUNT IV NEGLIGENCE / GROSS NEGLIGENCE

- 48. The plaintiffs repeat and reallege the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 49. At all relevant times, Defendants have duty to act with reasonable caution, diligence, and care when processing Plaintiff's urine sample.
- 50. Defendants breached that duty by failing to properly handle and process Plaintiff's urine sample resulting in Plaintiff's wrongful incarceration.
- 51. Defendants' actions constitute negligence. Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for all the damages as a result of Defendants' negligence, recklessness, and/or gross negligence.

COUNT V LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

- 52. The plaintiffs repeat and reallege the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 53. As a result of the wrongful actions of the three defendants described above, plaintiff

 Jeremy Mack was caused to suffer, and will continue to suffer in the future, loss of

 consortium, loss of society, affection, assistance, and conjugal fellowship of his wife, all

to the detriment of the marital relationship.

54. All of the aforesaid injuries and damages were caused solely and proximately by the three defendants.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs respectfully request this Honorable Court to enter judgment in their favor and against defendants, individually, joint, and severally, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00 plus such other statutory, compensatory, punitive damages and attorney's fees as the Court deems necessary and just plus costs and equitable relief.

Respectfully Submitted,

WEISBERG LAW

BY: <u>/s/ Matthew Weisberg</u>
MATTHEW B. WEISBERG, ESQ

DATED: 16-29-19

SCHHAFKOPF LAW, LLC

BY: Jay SCHAFKOPF, ESQ

DATED: 10 -29-19